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We are dealing with a criminal regime in Iran, a regime that, from its inception, has a 43-year history of repression, imprisonment, forced confessions, torture and execution. This regime has no solution to the problems of the people of Iran but repression.

Thousands of political prisoners, people of conscience and others are imprisoned, just for their political views. They have no access to basic health care, and, particularly during this Covid pandemic, are at risk of severe illness and even death. As we speak, a virulent Covid outbreak is sweeping through the prison system.

This horrific situation has just been intensified by one of the members of the "Death Committee" responsible for the massacre of thousands of political prisoners in the summer of 1988: Ebrahim Raisi, has now been appointed as President of Iran.

According to human rights groups about 5,000 prisoners were massacred across Iran, ordered by Khomeini, in the summer of 1988. This "Death Commission" carried out Khomeini's order.

Ebrahim Raisi, appointed as president this year, played a pivotal role in the mass execution of thousands of political prisoners in 1988. At the age of 27, Ebrahim Raisi was the youngest member of the "Death Commission."

We must unite with the people of the world very broadly against this cruel repression by the Islamic Republic and raise our voices all around the world so that all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Iran be unconditionally and immediately set free.

We reach out to the people of the world to unite and stand with us, while, at the same time, we oppose every intervention, every sanction, any war moves against Iran, especially by the United States of America.

We call on all human rights organizations, centers of support for political prisoners, social networks, political activists, and all those who want social justice and a better world to expose the crimes of the Islamic Republic and reach out to the people of all countries to unite and to stand in solidarity with the people of Iran in calling for the immediate and unconditional release of ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRAN.

We do not forgive.

We do not forget.

Ebrahim Raisi Must Face Prosecution for Genocide.

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